

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 2 to 5, 8 to 11, 14 and 15, all other claims having been cancelled.

Applicants are submitting herewith a clean copy of the application which incorporates all of the amendments to the specification and it is believed that the same does not involve any new matter.

With respect to the Examiner's objection under 35 USC 132 as introducing new matter in the disclosure, Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection since it is believed that the use of the term "polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene" as currently used in the specification is proper and chemically correct. The propylene glycol used for the production of the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene glycol is proper terminology and is clearly supported by the specification as filed. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection is requested.

All of the claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification which now defines the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene glycol in a proper manner. Therefore, the claims do comply with 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

All of the claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have included the term "wherein" in claim 14 and claim 15 as presently amended is no longer dependent upon cancelled claim 13 but is dependent upon claim 14. Therefore, the claims are believed to comply with 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

It should be noted that Applicants filed the formal drawings on April 15, 2003 so as to obviate the Examiner's objection thereto.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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